

STRANGE STORIES FROM THE BEAT

» "Gumby" Bends to Police Pressure



San Diego police said a man dressed in a Gumby costume and an accomplice went into a 7-Eleven and told the clerk it was a robbery. The clerk thought it was a prank and dismissed him.

Both then left the

store. Surveillance video shows the clumsy would-be robber struggling to keep the green suit on as he walked out the door.

Police said the man later turned himself in, with his alleged accomplice. The two men voluntarily went to police headquarters and brought the Gumby suit and turned it in as well.

» Meth Raid Leads to Tombstone Haul

California narcotics investigators raiding a home during a methamphetamine bust found two dozen granite and marble tombstones in the backyard.

Investigators were trying to locate family members so the markers can be returned to the proper place in graveyards.

The 24 tombstones had an estimated value of \$48,000.

During the raid, the deputies noticed the tombstones, weighing hundreds of pounds each.



Elderly Woman Demands Kiss, or She'll Shoot

It was almost a kiss of death. Deputies in Florida said a 92-year-old woman opened fire on her neighbor's house after the much younger resident refused to give her a kiss.

Investigators claimed the elderly woman refused to leave her 53-year-old neighbor's house unless he gave her a kiss.

She allegedly returned with a gun.

Snakes in Your Pants

Police said an Arizona man stole several baby albino boa constrictors at a pet store by stuffing them in his shorts pocket. He was arrested after police reviewed surveillance footage from the pet store. The video shows the 22-year-old man entering the store, removing several snakes from their cage and placing them in the pocket of his shorts before exiting the store without paying. He then traveled to another pet store and traded several of the snakes for \$175 and a large reptile tank.



Woman Shoots at Puppy, Kills Husband Instead

Police in Mississippi said a woman opened fire on a puppy that had threatened children.

Witnesses told police that the pit bull named "Cocaine" had lunged at children and tried to attack them. The children were taken inside and husband picked the dog up.

It was then that she fired twice, hitting the dog once and her husband once in the chest.



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